



CONNERY ROOSTS

Office Holding Record of Family in State, County and City Arouses Public Interest in "Fire Appliances."

There are citizens who believe that it is contrary to good public policy in a free country to put too many of the public offices in one community in the possession of members of a single family.

The threats made by members of the Connery gang to put The Eagle out of business impelled this newspaper to ferret out just what grasp the Connerys have on public affairs.

The result is startling and of interest to taxpayers, voters and the public generally.

No wonder some of this gang of public payroll ornaments believe that they can use the United States Government in their business.

They evidently have found the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago.

Very profitable and easily worked attachments to the family possessions. Democrats in Chicago are wondering why all of the public jobs are not given to Connery's.

It may be due to the fact that there are not enough Connerys to go around. Connerys First!

What a noble family motto that is to be sure.

And often has the Democratic party fallen for the Connerys and their well-known hankering for good things.

"State Street Store" Blocki as you may have heard him referred to, a partner of John T. Connery in the coal business, is a member of the Board of Review.

William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, holds the nice-salaried job of Secretary of Reviewer Blocki. Partner Blocki will run for re-election next year, so prepare your ballots.

Good stories of city contracts and of other contracts in which the Connery connections were alleged to have been interested are not so far forgotten that the public interest in them ever wholly died out.

There was a number of talented Democratic leaders who held office or contracts under the Busse BUSINESS administration.

We have referred to some of these worthies before as our files will attest. But talking of the Busse BUSINESS administration, Democrats do not forget the party treason which brought it about.

Democrats do not forget the dose that some members of the Connery gang gave Mayor Dunne in 1907 when he was running for re-election.

Although looked upon by many in the light of the Royal Family of the Democratic party, entitled to most, if not to all, of the jobs in its gift, the Connerys are alleged to have given such great support to Busse and to have worked so hard at defeat Dunne that Busse's gratitude was great.

When John W. Rainey, always a good Democrat and an able man, was running for Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1912, the Connery outfit fought him at the polls in favor of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., a Republican.

When Robert M. Sweitzer was running for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1915, the Connerys saw another chance to put a member of the family in that office and they trotted out Francis D. Connery, then City Clerk and now Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

But the Democratic stomach was showing signs of balking at an over-diet of Connery and the noble Francis D. was sent back to the payroll to wait for another chance.

Sweitzer got the nomination and it is said that the Connery following did not forgive him for crowding out one of the princes of the blood and were not over-enthusiastic for Sweitzer's election—to say the least.

This year the Connerys are not asking for much.

It is reported that Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., son-in-law of John T. Connery will not seek Republican nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court against John W. Rainey, the present

efficient Democratic incumbent of that office.

Joseph F. Connery, a brother of John T. Connery and a brother of Francis D. Connery and an uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will seek a renomination for Recorder of Deeds.

Michael M. Connery, brother of John T., Joseph F., and Francis D. Connery will retain his present big job as Inspector for Attorney General Lucey.

Henry E. Connery, brother of Michael M. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Francis D. Connery, and uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will hold his present lucrative job as State Bank Examiner.

Francis D. Connery, brother of Henry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery; uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will retain his present \$6,000 a year job as Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Joseph M. Connery, cousin of Francis D. Connery, Henry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery has been mentioned for the Democratic nomination for Board of Review this year.

State Street Blocki, the business partner of John T. Connery, will not have a chance to run again for his present job on the Board of Review, until next year.

So William J. Connery, nephew of John T., Joseph F., Francis D., and Michael M. Connery will retain his nice-salaried job as Blocki's Secretary.

But by next year a few more offices may be created for a few more Connerys as it would be too bad to have Blocki, John T. Connery's partner in the coal business running on a ticket where there was not another member of the Connery family to keep him from getting lonesome.

Connery first—the rest nowhere.

JUICY JOBS FOR CONNERYS

Information Gleaned from a Circular Distributed in the 28th Ward at the Last Primary.

A circular containing the following information was sent out broadcast in the Twenty-eighth ward during the late primary for Democratic Ward Committee and created much comment at the time:

"John will take the honors and Francis the jobs."

Below is a list of Connery's relatives that are on the public pay roll. Francis D. Connery.

Alderman 1901-1903—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

Alderman 1907-1909—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

City Clerk 1909-1915—6 years—\$5,000—\$30,000.

Comptroller Sanitary District at \$6,000 per year, 1915.

When Mr. Connery got his appointment with the Sanitary District, Mr. Eugene Boland, a Civil Engineer residing in the Twenty-eighth ward, was let out of his position.

Joseph F. Connery (Brother of Francis).

As County Recorder 4 years at \$9,000—\$36,000.

M. F. Connery.

In Recorder's office 4 years at \$1,500—\$6,240.

Henry Connery (Brother of Francis).

In Bank Examiner Brady's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

Michael M. Connery (Brother of above).

Inspector in Attorney General's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

William J. Connery (Nephew of above).

Clerk Board of Review 6 years at \$1,500—\$9,000.

James J. Riordan (Brother-in-law of Francis).

Police officer in City Clerk's office. James P. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Recorder's office. Salary not stated.

Several Women Relatives—Clerks in Recorder's office. Salaries not stated.

One Woman Relative—Truant officer. Salary not stated.

Other small positions held by Connerys mentioned. Salaries not stated.

ALDERMEN QUIT

City Council Transacts Large Amount of Business at Its Last Meeting, Then Adjourns for Summer.

The city council at its last meeting on Monday adjourned until October 2 at 2 p. m. Before adjourning for the summer the council transacted the following business:

Authorized awarding of restaurant concession on municipal pier to John Z. Vogelsang Company.

Received communication from Mayor Thompson ordering merit board to investigate violations of Sunday closing law.

Patched up and re-passed after being vetoed by mayor, ordinance providing for \$195,000 for completion of garbage incinerator in South Chicago.

Received mayor's veto wiping out order for purchase of municipal garbage fleet.

Fixed 5 cents as the amount to be charged per dance on municipal pier. Failed to pass over mayor's veto ordinance placing city laborers under civil service.

Referred to finance committee mayor's veto of ordinance providing for Torrens system registration of all property purchased by city.

Defeated proposal to have referendum on proposed increase in salaries of Municipal Court judges.

Passed order for acquisition of property between Seventy-fifth and Seventy-ninth streets for bathing beach.

Directed official recognition of anniversary of Eastland disaster, July 24. Approved consolidation of Chicago and Western Railway with Chicago City Railways Company, thus improv-

WANT NO GERMAN

Connery Democratic Committee Nominates Big County Ticket Without a German Name—Say Germans Have No Chance.

The Democrats have nominated a ticket without a German by birth or descent on it.

A Connery is on it of course, for one of the best jobs.

Not a man on the ticket had an American grandfather, the only outgoing county official who had an American grandfather, County Surveyor George C. Waterman, was not nominated.

No Germans were wanted. Some of the leaders were interviewed by The Tribune with the following results:

Ross C. Hall, representing the country towns, said:

"Our ticket will be unbeatable in November after we have slated a few Poles for the Municipal court. The city hall forces have put up a ticket of Swedes and Germans. We've named a ticket of Irish and Poles. How can we lose?"

There isn't a single German on the

cancy)—Joseph Sabath. Circuit Judge (to fill vacancy)—Jacob H. Hopkins.

"We will nominate Hoynes and cut the guts out of him at the polls like we did in 1912," said one leader.

THREE GOOD MEN FOR THE SANITARY BOARD

The nomination of Thomas M. Sullivan for President of the Sanitary District of Chicago and of James A. Long and Joseph Rushkewicz for Trustees of the Sanitary District could not be improved upon. They should be elected, as all of them have been tried in public office and have proven themselves to be good public servants.

POOR VOTE GETTERS

Although the Connerys Hold Many Public Jobs They Are Not Strong at the Ballot Box.

At the Democratic primary for Recorder of Deeds in 1912 the result was:

Joseph F. Connery.....56,343
His opponents.....64,493
So Connery was a minority nominee.

At the same primary John W. Rainey ran for the nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court, the office held by Connery's Republican nephew-in-law, Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr. Result of the primary:

John W. Rainey.....71,695
All opponents.....44,666
Rainey's majority over all.....27,029

At the same primary in 1912 John T. Connery's partner in the coal business, Blocki, was a candidate for the nomination for Board of Review. The result:

Blocki, Connery's partner.....39,415
His opponents.....87,253

So Blocki, Connery's partner, was in a minority of 47,838 votes. One of his opponents, Charles J. Vopicka, came near defeating Blocki, Connery's partner, receiving 38,989 votes to Blocki, Connery's partner's 39,415.

SOCIALIST COUNTY TICKET

Candidates Named for Every Office to Be Filled in November.

Socialists have served notice that they are going to make a big fight for state's attorney again. They nominated William A. Cunnea in their county convention as their candidate for county prosecutor. Four years ago Mr. Cunnea made a sensational run and came so near winning that he brought a contest alleging the election was "stolen." The state's attorney is the big plum on the county slate this time.

The Socialists put the following on the county ticket, headed by Mr. Cunnea:

Recorder of Deeds—Fred Pischel.

Clerk of the Circuit Court—William F. Kruse.

Clerk of the Superior Court—Joseph Novak.

Coroner—Dr. Joseph H. Greer.

Board of Review—William Acker.

Board of Assessors—E. E. Klein.

County Surveyor—Benjamin Efting.

President Board of Sanitary Trustees—Morton L. Johnson.

Members of the Board of Sanitary Trustees—Pierce Anderson and Emil Kuhne.

Judge of the Superior Court—Samuel Block.

Judges of the Municipal Court (ten to be elected)—Louis J. Delson, E. M. Winston, Henry E. Murphy, Peter Sismann, Marcus H. Taft, Frank L. Wood, Stephen M. Reynolds, John M. Work, Walter Baird and Samuel Holland.

Judge of the Municipal Court (to fill vacancy)—John C. Tevan.

The county executive committee was

ordered to draw up a party platform to state the Socialist position on issues now before the voters of Cook County.

OTHERS NOT CONSIDERED

Many Good Offices Held by Connerys Cause Comment Among Voters.

The loud mouthed threats of the Connery gang of Public Office Holders to "put the Chicago Eagle out of the mails and out of business" for daring to criticize the public acts of some of its members are arousing public attention.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were credited with holding many public jobs in Chicago.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were in the coal business to make money.

They have known right along that a member of the Connery coal firm is a member of the Board of Review.

They have known right along this official's private secretary was a Connery.

They have known right along that the Attorney General's Office investigates matters connected with public offices.

They have known right along that the Official Investigator of the Illinois Attorney General's Office is a Connery.

They have known right along that a city clerk some of whose methods the present city clerk did not follow was a Connery.

They have known right along that the man who passes on the bills of Contractors for the Sanitary District of Chicago is a Connery—the Comptroller of the District.

They have known right along that the rather important job of State Bank Examiner is held by a Connery.

They have known right along that most of the public offices in Cook County are honeycombed with Connerys.

They know that the Recorder of Deeds, who runs again this year, whose office contains several Connerys, is a Connery.

Now they know that the Connery gang feels so sure of its grip on the public that it is heard threatening to use the Federal Government to silence criticism of its methods.

If this isn't Bossism in its worst form, what is?

THE THOMPSON SLATE

State's Attorney—Harry B. Miller, Thirty-third ward.

Recorder—Leland S. Rapp, Eighteenth ward.

Circuit Court Clerk—A. W. Miller, Twelfth ward.

Superior Court Clerk—Ald. John Kjellander, Twenty-third ward.

Board of Review—Charles A. Williams, Thirty-second ward.

Assessor (full term)—George K. Schmidt, Twenty-fifth ward.

Assessor (short term)—Robert R. Levy, Third ward.

Coroner—Peter M. Hoffman.

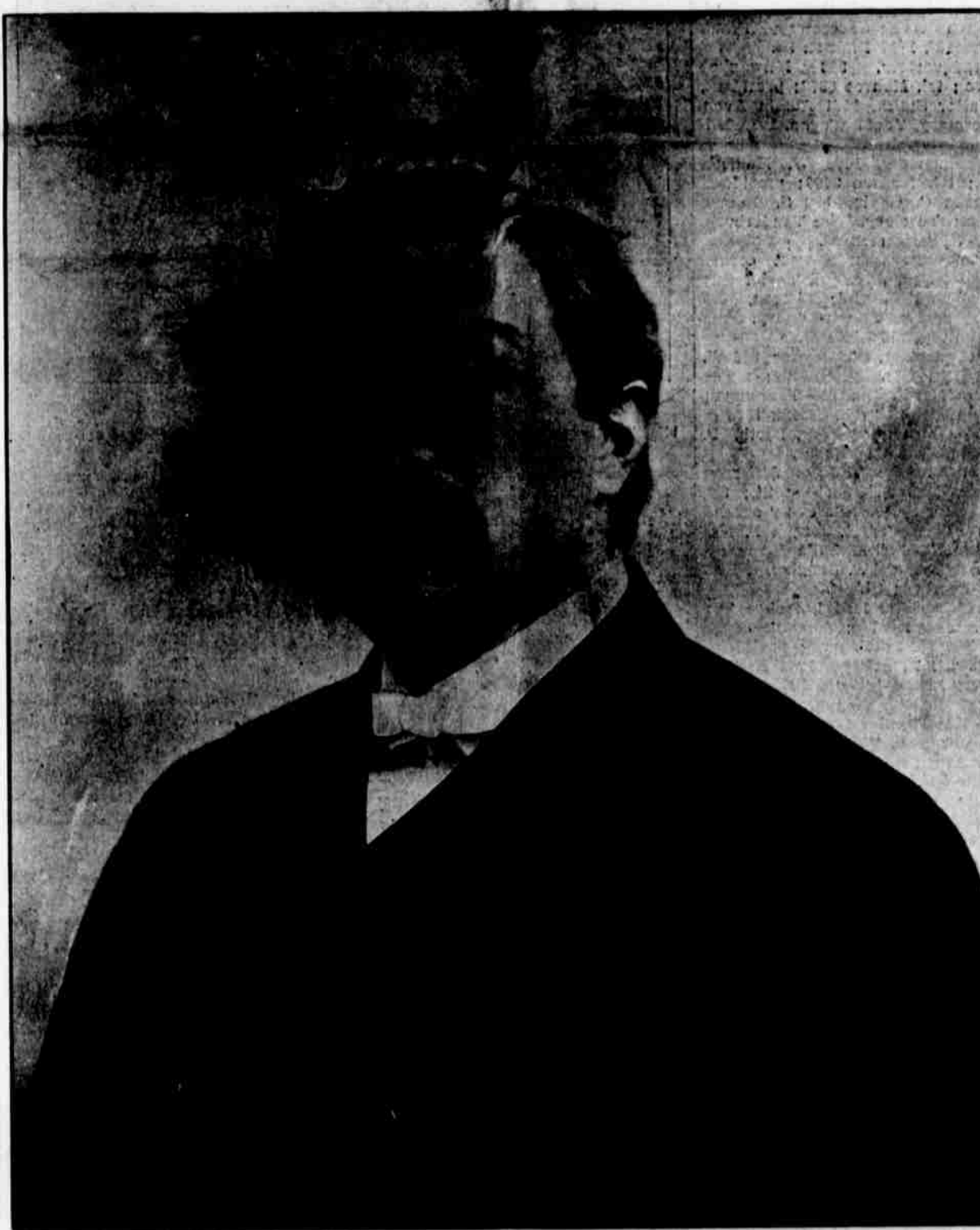
Surveyor—Harry Emerson, Oak Park.

President Sanitary Board—Ald. James H. Lawley, Fourteenth ward.

Sanitary Trustees—David R. Jones, Eighth ward, and Matthias Mueller, Twenty-ninth ward.

Municipal Judges (full term)—Hosea W. Wells, Eighteenth ward; John R. Newcomer, Thirty-fifth ward; Anton T. Zeman, Thirty-first ward; Wells M. Cook, Twenty-fifth ward; Frank W. Hoyt, Thirteenth ward; Gustav E. Beery, Twenty-third ward; John W. Richardson, Second ward; Howard W. Hayes, Sixth ward; Thomas J. Peden, Eighth ward, and John P. Haas, Nineteenth ward.

Municipal Judge (short term)—Bernard Barasa, Twenty-second ward.



WILLIAM LORIMER,
Who Has Announced His Candidacy for the United States Senate in 1918.

nery, said to be a candidate for Board of Review.

If all of the office-holding relatives of all of the other Connerys outside of Francis D. Connery were published it would have to be as a serial. No one issue of the paper could spare the space for the names.

CHIEF JUSTICE FITCH

Superior Court Jurist Elected to Criminal Court Place at Joint Meeting.

At a joint meeting of the judges of the Circuit and Superior Courts Judge Joseph H. Fitch of the Superior Court was elected chief justice of the Criminal Court for the ensuing year.

ing transportation service in southwest section of city.

Authorized awarding of concessions at Clarendon bathing beach to the George B. Levee Company.

Referred to committee Alderman Buck's proposal to repeal rule prohibiting persons not in bathing suits from going onto beach at Clarendon beach.

Passed Alderman Lynch's resolution calling upon Board of Education for certain information to be used in schools committee's inquiry into Loeb rules.

Referred to judiciary committee Alderman Miller's proposed ordinance requiring all automobiles to be locked when not in use.

Referred to harbors committee Alderman Miller's order directing corporation counsel to start condemnation proceedings for acquisition of land around shore of Lake Calumet.

entire Sullivan slate, the talk among the slatemakers being that no German had a chance in Cook County this fall.

The full slate named follows: State's Attorney—MacLay Hoynes. Recorder—Joseph F. Connery. Circuit Court Clerk—John W. Rainey.

Superior Court Clerk—James C. Gavin.

Coroner—James B. Bowler.

Assessor (six year term)—Martin J. O'Brien.

Assessor (to fill vacancy)—Joseph Cepak.

Board of Review—Thos. J. Webb.

County Surveyor—William P. Fee-

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President Sanitary District—Thom-

as M. Sullivan.

Sanitary Trustees—Joseph Rushke-

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